

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Eighth Wednesday after Pentecost  
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Erin Heidelberger, Pastor



GATHERING MUSIC

*Kyrie Eleison*

WELCOME

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

God gives us freedom through the mercy of Jesus Christ. And so we confess our sins, knowing that this is God's work in us.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We do what we don't want to do and we don't do what we want to do. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and free us to live in faith and delight in your gifts. Amen.**

People of God, hear the good news that is for you:

In Jesus' death and resurrection, God's mercy is revealed to be a gift given to you and for your life. By the command of our Lord Jesus, you are forgiven, freed from sin and freed for the new life in Christ that is freely and fully given to you. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SONG

*Better is One Day*

How lovely is Your Dwelling place, O Lord almighty.

For my soul longs and even faints for you.

For hear my heart is satisfied, within Your presence.

I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty.

To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of salvation, you rescued the Israelites at the edge of the Red Sea. Rescue us from the things of this world that threaten our lives and livelihoods, so that we might forever place our trust in you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**

*Thy Word*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near, Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path,  
and a light unto my path,  
and a light unto my path.

**SCRIPTURE & SERMON**

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

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**SONG**

*God Will Make a Way*

God will make a way, where there seems to be no way,  
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me.  
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side  
With love and strength for each new day,  
He will make a way, He will make a way.

God will make a way, where there seems to be no way,  
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me.  
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side  
With love and strength for each new day,  
He will make a way, He will make a way.

By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me,  
And rivers in the desert will I see.  
Heaven and earth will fade  
But His Word will still remain. He will do something new today.

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He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me.  
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**OFFERING**

*Offering will not be taken during worship; a basket is available in the back of the sanctuary to drop off today's offering. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at [zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving) or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.*



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

We pray in confidence in the words Jesus gave us:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG

*Amazing Love*

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly,  
That I, the guilty one, may go free?  
Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,  
The Son of God giv'n for me;  
My debt he pays and my death he dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.

And so, they watched him die, despised, rejected;  
But, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me.  
Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,  
The Son of God giv'n for me;  
My debt he pays and my death he dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;  
Come, wash your guilt away, live again.  
Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,  
The Son of God giv'n for me;  
My debt he pays and my death he dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.

### BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, host of this great feast, you have given us your very self in this bread and wine, that we might be nourished with your words of promise. Filled again by your grace, we trust in your abiding love that sustains us now, and promises us life eternal in your name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

SONG *I Am Free*

Through You the blind will see. Through You the mute will sing.  
Through You the dead will rise. Through You all hearts will praise.  
Through You the darkness flees. Through You my heart screams,  
I am free! I am free!

(Song Leader) I am free to run.  
**(Cong. Echo) I am free to run.**  
(Song Leader) I am free to dance.  
**(Cong. Echo) I am free to dance.**  
(Song Leader) I am free to live for You.  
**(Cong. Echo) I am free to live for You.**  
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SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC

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